

What is claimed is:

1. A method for manufacturing a magneto-optical recording medium, in which at least a reproduction layer and recording layer each formed of a magnetic layer are deposited on a substrate having grooves and reproduction of recorded information is performed by means of domain wall displacement in said reproduction layer; comprising

after depositing at least the reproduction layer and recording layer on the substrate on which are formed lands and grooves,

a first annealing step, in which, only the side-wall portions between said adjacent lands and grooves are irradiated with laser light; and,

a second magnetization annealing step, in which regions including said adjacent side-wall portions and said lands between the side-wall portions are irradiated with laser light having a spot diameter larger than the spot diameter of said laser light in said first annealing step, while applying an external magnetic field.